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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

INFO: Chief, Political and Psychological Staff
Chief, Counterintelligence Staff
Chief, Central Cover Staff
Chief, Soviet and East European Division
Chief, Europe Division

FROM: [Chief, Evaluation and Plans Staff]

SUBJECT: Approval of OPACT QRDYNAMIC - FY 85

1. Description: Operational Activity QRDYNAMIC is a proprietary that supports a Ukrainian exile group headquartered in New York, its major printing and publishing facility in Munich, and branches in London, Paris, and Tokyo. Its goal is to keep alive the Ukrainian nationalist spirit in the USSR and to encourage opposition to oppressive aspects of Soviet social and economic policy. Most of QRDYNAMIC's activity consists of attempting to infiltrate propaganda material into the USSR and other Soviet Bloc countries.

2. Authority: OPACT QRDYNAMIC is authorized by the 7 June 1978 Presidential Finding and reponds to the Directorate's Objective T. It is in compliance with the relevant provisions of Section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (as amended).

3. EPS Comment: This is a well-presented renewal request, which covers QRDYNAMIC activity in considerable detail and shows restraint in describing what the OPACT hopes to accomplish. It provides adequate indications that the QRDYNAMIC publications are getting inside the USSR and are reaching the target audiences, the managerial elites, CPSU members, and the like. Interviews of travelers, delegations, emigres, and letters both agreeing and disagreeing with the journal indicate that the journal is available in libraries and institutes.

This being said, there is no clear evidence that the OPACT has had a tangible impact on Soviet audiences, and there may never be. Because this is a costly and ambitious activity,

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however, it is important that every reasonable effort be made to substantiate its impact. Nonetheless, we can see merit in encouraging the maintenance of pressure on the Soviet regime on the Ukrainian question. The absence of an alternative Ukrainian program argues for the continuation of QRDYNAMIC, as does our association with this activity for more than 30 years.

We note that the QRDYNAMIC budget has more than doubled since FY 1983, when Headquarters decided to develop political action programs within this OPACT. This is an expensive project and a large portion of its funds go to supporting its infrastructure. While we realize it may be nearly impossible to substantially cut the outlay required for employee salaries and benefits, we urge PPS to look for ways to economize in this area. We understand that PPS plans to move the New York office to a less expensive location outside the city, and we endorse this action.

4. EPS Recommendation: EPS recommends approval of OPACT QRDYNAMIC with the understanding that PPS will monitor expenditures closely and concentrate on improving evaluation of this activity's effectiveness in reaching and influencing its target audience.

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